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THE AGRICULTURAL HISTORY NEWSLETTER

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PURPOSE. The National Economy and History Branch of the Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, is planning to issue a monthly newsletter from its Agricultural and Rural History Section. We hope that the material will be of interest to historians as well as other persons seeking information in this field of study. Therefore, input is needed on items of your research activities, recent publications, meetings, employment and other pertinent facts along these lines that you think would be helpful to your colleagues. Our newsletter will be aimed at reaching other researchers and inform them on what is being done in the entire field of agricultural history.

The newsletter will be sent upon request to anyone interested. Please mail all information, comments and suggestions to: Vivian B. Whitehead, Editor, Agricultural and Rural History Section, ARED-ERS-USDA, 1301 New York Ave., N.W., Rm. 928, Washington, D.C. 20005-4788. (202) 786-1787.

THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND HISTORY BRANCH. Headed by Thomas F. Hady, analyzes current agricultural and rural issues from the perspective of the national and global economy and from a historical perspective. It is also responsible for analyzing the relationship among the U.S. and world economies, the U.S. food and fiber sector, and the nonmetropolitan U.S. economy.

The Agricultural and Rural History Section is responsible for the history of USDA, its policies and programs, and rural America. Work is now being done on updating the Department's Century of Service: The First 100 Years of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, continuing from 1961. This project is being headed by the Section Leader, Douglas E. Bowers.

An extensive Bibliographical Index on various American agricultural subjects is located in this

office. References are listed by categories as well as topic breakdowns. All references may be used in the History Office.

The work of the Agricultural and Rural History Section, as well as that of other units of the Economic Research Service, USDA, is briefly described in the booklet, The Economic Research Service in 1989. A copy may be obtained without charge from: ERS/USDA, Information Staff, Room 237, 1301 New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-4788.

AWARDS. The Agricultural History Society is offering an award of \$100 in memory of Everett E. Edwards for the best paper by a student submitted to Agricultural History in calendar year 1989. Edwards was in the U.S. Department of Agriculture from 1927 until his untimely death in 1952. During those years, as editor of Agricultural History, he did much to define agricultural history as a field of research. Papers to be considered for the award or inquiries regarding it should be sent to: Professor Morton Rothstein, Agricultural History Center, University of California, Davis, CA 95616.

SYMPOSIA. The Agricultural History Society's next symposium will be held on "The United States Department of Agriculture in Historical Perspective." It will be held at Iowa State University on June 15-18, 1989. Any questions can be answered by: Dr. Alan I Marcus, Department of History, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50010. (515) 294-7286.

The Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums will hold its annual conference at the Conner Prairie Farm in Indiana on June 25-29, 1989. The subject of the conference is "Harvesting New Rural History." For information, write to: 1989 ALHFAM Conference, Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060. (317) 776-6000.

The Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife is sponsoring a conference on New England/New France, 1600-1850, on July 15-16, 1989. The conference, to be held in Deerfield, MA, includes lectures on land tenure, housing, clothing, and agricultural life. For information, write to: Peter Benes, Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife, 249 Harrington Ave., Concord, MA 01742. (508) 369-7382.

NEW BOOKS. Don Paarlberg, internationally-known agricultural economist, discusses the lives and work of some 40 people who have waged battles against hunger in Toward a Well-Fed World, (Iowa State University Press, 2121 S. State Ave., Ames, IA 50010. 1988. 270 pp.). He begins with Malthus and ends with several scientists still active. Paarlberg concludes: "Coming into being is a world that will be well fed."

Henry A. Wallace and William L. Brown, Corn and Its Early Fathers (Iowa State University Press, 2121 S. State Ave., Ames, IA 50010. 1988. 158 pp.). (515) 292-0140. ISBN 0-8138-0012-9; hardcover, \$18.95. Revision of the 1956 edition. Individuals include payment plus \$2.00 postage/handling fee for the first book, \$.75 for each additional copy. Iowans add 4% sales tax. For more information, please contact: Ms. Needum Chaudhry, Advertising and Publicity Manager.

Stemgas Publishing Company, Farm Museum Directory: A Guide Through America's Farm Past (Stemgas Publishing Co., P.O. Box 328D, Lancaster, PA 17603. 1988.). \$3.50 postpaid, 2d edition. On the cover of the book is the O.H. Kelley Farm.

JOB OPENINGS. U.S. Historian, tenure-track, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in U.S. agricultural history and participating extensively in the Ph.D. program in agricultural history and rural studies. Rank: open, but most likely associate or advanced assistant. Qualifications: Have record in classroom teaching; research and publication appropriate to rank. Available: August 21, 1989. Starting Salary: Commensurate with qualifications. Application: Send c.v. and names of persons willing to write letters of recommendation to: Professor George T. McJimsey, Chair, Search

Committee, Department of History, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-1202.

Site Manager living history programs at the 1840 House of the Baltimore City Life Museums. Requirements: Demonstrated knowledge and experience in living history interpretation; advanced degree in appropriate field preferred; background in 19th century American history (African-American preferred); site supervision experience. Salary competitive. Benefits. EOE. Available immediately. Please contact: Director of Education, Baltimore City Life Museums, 800 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. (301)-396-3523.

The New Jersey Agriculture Museum has an opening for a curator. Please address inquiries to: Director, New Jersey Agriculture Museum, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

AMERICAN FOLKLIFE CENTER, THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. A "Folkline" has been made available for timely information on the field of folklore and folklife, including training and professional opportunities and news items of national interest. A taped announcement is available around the clock, except during the hours of 9 a.m. until Noon (Eastern time) each Monday, when it is updated on a Folkline. This system is a joint project of the American Folklife Center and the American Folklore Society. (202) 707-2000.

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JUNE 1989

It is a pleasure to inform you that the response for the first issue of the newsletter has been favorable. Thank you for your interest. The newsletter is now in its infancy; hopefully, it will soon grow into an informative line of communication for all persons interested in the field of agricultural history.

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RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP. Old Sturbridge Village announces a research fellowship for a scholar working in the social history and material culture of rural New England from 1790 to 1850. The fellowship is for a 6 to 12 week period (preferably spring or fall semester) with a stipend of \$2500. Application deadline is July 1, 1989. For information, please contact: John Worrell, Director of Research, Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566. (508) 347-3362, ext. 302.

ANNUAL J.I. CASE HERITAGE EXPOSITION. Case Expo will be held in conjunction with the 35th annual Manitoba Threshermen's Reunion, July 26-29, 1989, at the Manitoba Agricultural Museum showgrounds. Many pieces of vintage equipment will be exhibited as well as operated, and other activities will be featured. For more information, please write or call: "Expo Info," c/o Secretary-Treasurer Helen Case Brigham, Case Foundation, 204 E. Melbourne Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901. (301) 587-5552.

MEETINGS. The 16th annual National Historic Communal Societies Association is holding a conference in Yankton, South Dakota on October 5-8, 1989. The topic of discussion is, "Communal Living on Frontiers: Land, Thought, Reform." Please write: Orlando Goering, 1140 Ridgecrest Dr., Vermillion, SD 57069.

The American Veterinary Academy on Disaster Medicine will hold its annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, on July 19, 1989. Some of the papers are historical in nature. For information contact Craig N. Carter, Drawer 3040, College Station, Texas 77841.

The North Carolina Division of Archives and History is sponsoring a curing barn party at the Duke Homestead on July 30, 1989. Traditional methods of curing and barning tobacco will be demonstrated. For information contact the Division at 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27611. Telephone (919) 733-7442.

MUSEUM PLANNED FOR IDAHO. A statewide agricultural history commission is being formed to establish an agricultural museum for the state of Idaho. The commission recognizes the great educational value of such a museum since connections with the land through farming, ranching, dairying, and related activities are becoming too remote. The Old Pen, listed on the National Register of historic places, and its sandstone dairy and horse barns would form the nucleus of the museum. The museum will bring into focus for the first time the history of agriculture in Idaho.

NEW BOOKS. Protecting America's Historic Countryside discusses the rural countryside and documents historic preservation's contribution to rural America. It includes a comprehensive resource directory of preservation and conservation organizations. It is available for \$2.50 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036, Attn: Rural Program.

Taking the University to the People: Seventy-five Years of Cooperative Extension, by Wayne D. Rasmussen, commemorates the 75th anniversary of the Cooperative Extension Service. The illustrated volume is 300 pages and can be ordered from Iowa State University Press, 2121 S. State Ave., Ames, IA 50010. 1989. \$29.95.

A Challenge to U.S. Agriculture: Building the Cooperative Production Credit System, by Homer G. Smith. After a long career in the Farm Credit Administration, the author traces the history of the Cooperative Production Credit System from 1933 to 1987. The volume is 314 pages and can be ordered from Graphic Impressions, 1401 W. 38th Ave., Denver, CO 80211. 1987. \$25.45.

A Rich Harvest: The History, Buildings, and People of Lincoln, Massachusetts, by John C. McLean traces the evolution of Lincoln, where Paul Revere's ride ended, from a small farming town to a rural suburb of Boston. The 680-page illustrated volume is available from: The Lincoln Historical Society, P.O. Box 48, Lincoln Center, MA 01773. \$33.00.

Saving America's Countryside, by Samuel N. Stokes, A. Elizabeth Watson, Genevieve P. Keller, and J. Timothy Keller, offers a step-by-step guide to protecting the natural, historic, scenic, and agricultural resources of a rural community. This 320-page guide to rural conservation is \$42.50 hardcover and \$16.95 paperback. It is available from The Johns Hopkins University Press, 701 W. 40th St., Suite 275, Baltimore, MD 21211. To order by telephone, 1-800 537-JHUP. Please note: Additional \$2.00 should be added to cover postage/handling. Maryland residents, add 5% sales tax.

BOOK AWARD. The 1988 Theodore Saloutos Memorial Book Award of the Agricultural History Society was given to Jack R. Kloppenburg, Jr., for First the Seed: The Political Economy of Plant Biotechnology, 1492-2000, Cambridge University Press, 32 E. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10011. 1988. 349 pages. \$37.50. Information on the award may be obtained from: Professor Morton Rothstein, Agricultural History Center, University of California, Davis, CA 95616.

PAPERS AVAILABLE. Ralph Shlomowitz, Flinders University of South Australia, Bedford Park, South Australia 5042, has published "Planter Combinations and Black Laborers in the American South, 1865-1880," Slavery and Abolition: A Journal of Comparative Studies, May 1988; and "Epidemiology and the Pacific Labor Trade," Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Spring 1989.

Barry C. Field, University of Massachusetts,

Draper Hall, Amherst, MA 01003, has recently completed a paper entitled "The Laws of Collective Agriculture in Early New England." He will send a copy to anyone interested.

The Economic Research Service has recently issued Staff Reports by Jane M. Porter, Drought in the United States: A Short History, December 1988; and Lowell K. Dyson, History of Federal Drought Relief Programs, October 1988. Copies are available without charge from: Agricultural and Rural History Section, ARED-USDA, 1301 New York Ave., NW, Room 928, Washington, DC 20005-4788. (202) 786-1787.

BIBLIOGRAPHY AVAILABLE. The National Agricultural Library was awarded a grant of \$3700 from the American Floral Endowment for publication of a 60-page bibliography entitled "The Marketing of Floricultural Products in the United States: An Annotated Bibliography." For a free copy of the bibliography, contact the National Agricultural Library, Special Services Branch, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, Md. 20705.

JOB OPENING. Head Historic Farms, Longstreet Farm, Monmouth County, New Jersey. For information contact: Howard E. Wikoff, Jr., County Park Manager, Monmouth County Park System, Newman Springs Rd., Lincraft, NJ 07738.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. Many thanks to NATIONAL ECONOMY AND HISTORY BRANCH: Thomas F. Hady, Branch Chief, Pat A. Saunders, Kenneth Hanson, Cecil L. Harvey, Norwood Kerr, Linda Felton, David Torgerson, Linda Franklin, and Wayne D. Rasmussen for their assistance.

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Hello readers! The readership is increasing, but there is always room for many more! Please feel free to spread the word around. Aside from being the editor of the Newsletter, I am also an Historical Assistant in the Agricultural and Rural History Section. We look forward to answering requests you may have on the subject of agricultural history.

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CALL FOR PAPERS. The Society for the History of Technology invites proposals for papers in all areas of the history of technology for presentation at its annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, October 18-21, 1990. Proposals should be sent by October 1, 1989, to: LINDY BOGGS, Department of History, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849.

WALLACE HOUSE. The Wallace House Foundation is engaged in restoring and preserving the home of "Uncle Henry" Wallace at 756 16th Street, Des Moines, IA. Wallace was editor-in-chief of Wallaces Farmer and was nationally known as an advocate of resource conservation and of the economic well being of the American farmer. Wallace was the father and grandfather of Secretaries of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace and Henry A. Wallace. For further information, please write to the FOUNDATION, P.O. Box 7063, Des Moines, IA 50309.

PERSONNEL. Donna Jean Fusonie has been named Director of the Reference Center in the Economic Research Service. The center supports the work done by ERS and USDA. It provides a liaison with the National Agricultural Library and other major Libraries.

STATISTICS BULLETINS. The National Agricultural Statistics Service has recently

published Agricultural Production and Prices--125 Years: A Historical Review, compiled by Richard D. Allen. This 113-page bulletin is available without charge from Mr. Allen. His address is: NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE, Room 4133 So. Ag. Bldg., Washington, DC 20250.

The Economic Research Service has published Fertilizer Trade Statistics, 1970-88, by Harry Vroomen. Copies are available at \$5.50 each. Please make checks or purchase orders payable to: ERS-NASS, P.O. Box 1608, Rockville, MD 20850.

Another publication from the Economic Research Service is Agricultural Statistics of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, 1965-85, by Nancy J. Cochrane. Copies are available from: ERS-NASS, P.O. Box 1608, Rockville, MD 20850 for \$8.00.

HISTORY DAY AWARDS. At the National History Day Awards ceremony at College Park, MD, on June 15, 1989, Boyd Smith of Minot, ND received the Agricultural History Society prize of \$100 for his essay, "Oliver Dalrymple: Bonanza Farmer."

MEETINGS. The Entomological Society of America is holding a Centennial National Symposium at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, September 26-27, 1989. For information, please write to: ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, 9301 Annapolis Rd., Lanham, MD 20706; or call: (301) 731-4535.

The Rocky Mountain Humanities Network is sponsoring a symposium entitled "Trails: Toward a New Western History." It will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico on September 27-29, 1989. For further information, please write to: DIANE FACINELLI, Arizona Humanities Council, 1242 North Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004, or call her at: (602) 257-0335.

The American Farm Bureau Federation is

sponsoring the Farm/Ranch Expo '90, held in conjunction with the AFBF's 71st annual meeting. The meeting will be held January 6-9, 1990 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. For further information, please write: FARM/RANCH EXPO '90, 600 Talcott Rd., Park Ridge, IL 60068, or call: (312) 823-1010.

LINCOLN'S LAW PRACTICE. The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency is editing Abraham Lincoln's legal papers for the period 1836-1861. They would welcome assistance in locating any material. Please address any suggestions to: THE LINCOLN LEGALS, Old State Capitol, Springfield, IL 62701.

FOREST FALLOWING. The custom of clearing temporary fields from forests, planting crops until yields decline, and then allowing the fields to revert to forest is discussed by John S. Otto in an article entitled, "Forest Fallowing in the Southern Appalachian Mountains: A Problem in Comparative Agricultural History." This article is in Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, Volume 133, March 1989.

FOOD PRESERVATION. (National Gardening, July 1989) -- Pompeii in A.D. 79 was not a good place or time to be making a compost pile. Anyone who did would still be waiting for the material to break down. The 22-foot-thick layer of ash that covered the city when Vesuvius erupted converted plant fiber into carbon. For the past 20 years, USDA plant taxonomist Frederick Meyer has been studying those tiny plant remains and piecing together the agricultural history of that era.

NATIONAL GRASSLANDS. Michael Lewis, assistant professor of geography at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC 27412 has written an article in the Geographical Review, April 1989 entitled "National Grasslands in the Dust Bowl." National grasslands were unsuccessful as an agent of land use reform in the Dust Bowl. Local willingness to sell both grassland and cropland prevailed over federal acquisition of severely eroded cropland. Grazing has not been as effective in motivating cropland retirement as rental payments from federal programs.

CENTENNIAL RANCHES. The Oklahoma Historical Society has announced that 35

Oklahoma ranch and farm families have been awarded centennial signs, identifying their 100 or more continuous years of working and living on the same land. To qualify, the farm or ranch had to contain at least 40 acres and produce at least \$1,000 in gross receipts.

DOMESTIC ARCHITECTURE. Ronald S. Barlow, a publisher and antiquarian, traces the outhouse's history and symbols in a collection of essays entitled The Vanishing American Outhouse. It covers such topics as privy digging and the evolution of toilet paper. One of the little-known achievements of the Works Progress Administration during the Depression was the provision of 2.3 million "sanitary privies," built by teams of federally trained and funded specialists. For a copy, order from: WINDMILL PUBLISHING, 2147 Windmill View Rd., El Cajon, CA 92020 for \$15.95.

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We wish to thank everyone who has sent in notes, books, and other materials for the news letter. Please continue to send anything you believe might be of interest to your colleagues.

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CALL FOR PAPERS. On June 26-29, 1990, the Agricultural History Society, the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University will hold a Centennial Symposium on "The History of 1890 Land Grant Colleges and Universities," at Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Florida. This is a formal call for proposals/abstracts for papers to be read at the symposium. Abstracts should contain the title, author's name and address, and a brief description of the paper. Selected papers are expected to be published in a special issue of Agricultural History. The deadline for submitting proposals/abstracts is November 10, 1989. The deadline for selecting papers for the program is January 19, 1990. Papers should be completed by April 30, 1990.

Please send proposals/abstracts (in duplicate) for paper to: Dr. Barbara R. Cotton, Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, 208 Tucker Hall, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL 32307. (904) 599-3430.

The Agricultural History Society would also welcome proposals for papers or a session that might be presented as a joint session at meetings of other organizations. For example, the Society would like to propose a session to the American Historical Association for its annual meeting in New York in December 1990. Please send suggestions to Wayne Rasmussen, Secretary, Agricultural History Society, Economic Research Service, 1301 New York Ave., N.W., Washington,

DC 20005-4788.

MEETINGS. The Economic History Association will hold its annual meeting in Washington, D.C., on September 22-24, 1989. The program includes several papers in agricultural history. For further information, please write to: William H. Becker, Economic History Association, c/o Department of History, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. 20052.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation will hold its annual preservation conference in Philadelphia, PA, on October 11-15, 1989. For information, please write to: Preservation Conferences, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

SYMPOSIA. The Winedale Museum in Roundtop, TX is sponsoring a 12-day course to improve the quality of community and regional history museums and historical organizations. Applications must be professional staff members or experienced volunteers in museums. Large reference manuals and related publications are provided to participants at a cost of \$200. Participants receive scholarships covering tuition, room and board. Enrollment is limited to 20 people. Applications must be returned by September 18, 1989. For an application, please write to: The Winedale Historical Center, Box 11, Round Top, TX 78954 or the Texas Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711.

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STAFF REPORTS. The Economic Research Service has recently issued a staff report by Jane M. Porter and Douglas E. Bowers. A Short History of U.S. Agricultural Trade Negotiations, August 1989. Copies are available at \$5.00 per

copy from: ERS-NASS, P.O. Box 1608, Rockville, MD 20850. For non-U.S. addresses, add 25 percent (includes Canada).

NEW BOOKS. Seed Savers Exchange has published a Fruit, Berry and Nut Inventory. The 360-page book is a comprehensive inventory of 248 mail order nursery catalogs. It contains descriptions of 4,140 fruit, berry and nut varieties, and a coded list of every U.S. company that offers each one. Copies are \$19.00 softcover, and \$26.00 hardcover. For more information, or to order a copy, please write to: SEED SAVERS EXCHANGE Rural Route 3, Box 239, Decorah, IA 52101.

The Spring 1989 issue of Agricultural History is a special symposium issue on "Climate, Agriculture, and History," edited by David C. Smith. The 19 articles comprising the issue cover aspects of climate and agriculture in many parts of the world and the United States. Copies are available for \$6.25 from the University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

THE GERMAN-AMERICAN PORK WAR. Authors Sueleen Hoy and Walter Nugent have published an article in the Bulletin of the History of Medicine, June 1989 pp. 198-224, entitled "Public Health or Protectionism? The German-American-Pork War, 1880-1891."

GIFFORD PINCHOT PAPERS. The Forest Service's Public Affairs Office has budgeted \$200,000 to reorganize part of Gifford Pinchot's collection of papers in the Manuscript Reading Room of the Library of Congress. The current project calls for processing materials covering the early conservation period from 1890 to 1910. Dr. Jean Pablo, retired Forest Service Historian, is the subject matter specialist for the project. A computer data base of the inventory will be compiled so that the Library of Congress staff members can provide improved service to authors and scholars.

FOREST SERVICE HISTORY. Dennis Roth, formerly in the Forest Service and now in the Agricultural and Rural History Section, Economic Research Service, has published an essay, "History in the U.S. Forest Service." The essay is in the winter issue of The Public Historian and covers the internal activities of the Forest Service History Program from 1971 onward and offers a

quick introduction to the challenges, contributions, and limits of the program. For copies of the journal, please send orders to: The Public Historian, 2120 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, CA 94720. Prices are: \$7.00 Individuals, \$9.50 Institutions, \$4.00 Students.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Agricultural Economists. Applications are being accepted for grades 12 and 13 agricultural economist positions in USDA's Economic Research Service. Starting salary range for grade 12 (minimum requirement: PhD or equivalent experience) is \$34,580-44,957; for grade 13 (minimum requirements: PhD or equivalent experience and at least one additional year of professional experience at a level of difficulty and responsibility comparable to grade 12), \$41,121-53,460; plus an attractive benefits package and reimbursement of the costs of moving to Washington, D.C. U.S. citizenship is required. To apply, obtain a copy of announcement WA-AG-7-01 from department heads, federal job information centers, state employment services, or the Examining Unit, USDA/EMS, Rm. 1443-So., Washington, DC 20250-3500 (202-447-3600). USDA/ERS is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

Curator of Education. Fosterfields Living Historical Farm. Salary \$30,000, plus good benefits. Please send resume to: Helen Hesselgrave, Morris County Park Commission, P.O. Box 1295, Morristown, N.J. 07962-1295. (201) 326-7624.

Person with farming experience and interest in work horses for full time position on 126-acre historical farm. For complete description and application form, please contact: Pete Watson, Administrator, Howell Living History Farm, Box 187, RR-2, Hunter Rd., Titusville, N.J. 08560.

Farm Program Coordinator, Hancock Shaker Village, Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Supervisor of program demonstrating nineteenth century Shaker agriculture. Preferred candidates will have expertise in nineteenth century rural history as well as practical experience with period plants and animals, animal husbandry, and period agricultural tools and machinery. Please send letter of application, resume and references to: Director of Interpretation and Education, Hancock Shaker Village, P.O. 898, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

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The Textile History Conference will be sponsored by the Museum of American Textile History in September, 1990. Proposals for papers will be accepted no later than October 1, 1989. Please contact: THOMAS W. LEAVITT, Director, Museum of American Textile History, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, MA 01845.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, is holding their thirteenth annual conference on black history on May 4-5, 1990. Please send in proposals for papers by October 20, 1989. You may contact: BLACK HISTORY CONFERENCE COORDINATOR, Division of History, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Box 1026, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026.

The Southern Regional Science Association will hold its twenty-eighth annual meetings in Washington, DC, March 22-24, 1990, at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza. Interested persons who wish to present a paper or organize a paper session should submit abstracts of papers as soon as possible. Abstracts should be submitted before November 1, 1989. Papers on

any regional science topic are welcome. Persons interested in chairing a session or serving as a discussant should also contact: MARK HENRY, 221 Barre Hall, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634-0355.

A multidisciplinary conference on the topic of "Animal Rights and Our Human Relationship to the Biosphere" will be held at San Francisco State University on March 29 - April 1, 1990. Under the sponsorship of SFSU's NEXA program, the conference will bring a variety of perspectives from the sciences and the humanities to bear. The conference will include speakers with backgrounds in philosophy, biochemistry, clinical psychiatry, anthropology, and medicine. Please submit 5 copies each of a 100 - 200 word abstract and a paper or panel proposal to (maximum 20 pages) to: PROFESSOR LOIS FLYNNE, Conference Chair, NEXA Program, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco, CA 94132. (415) 338-1301. Continuing Education Credit will be available for teachers and others interested.

MEETINGS. The Western History Association will hold its annual meeting in Tacoma, Washington, on October 11-14, 1989. For information, please write to: WILLIAM D. ROWLEY, History Department, University of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557.

The Society for the History of Technology will hold its annual meeting on October 12-14, 1989, in Sacramento, California. For information, please write to: ALEX ROLAND, Department of History, Duke University, Durham, NC 27706.

The Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society is sponsoring a conference on "The Place Values in Food, Agriculture and Environmental Systems." It will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas on November 2-4, 1989. For information, please contact: THE AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND HUMAN VALUES SOCIETY, 1001 McCarty Hall,

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS. The National Historical Publications and Records Commission offers two fellowships in archival administration. The commission is now accepting applicants from state archives, college and university archives, and special collection units interested in serving as host institutions for the two fellows. The application receipt deadline is October 1, 1989. Please contact: LAURIE A. BATY, NHPRC, National Archives Building, Washington, DC 20408.

The National Endowment for the Humanities announces the revised mid-year edition of the Overview of Endowment Programs. The guide which describes more than thirty funding opportunities, is free to anyone interested in applying for NEH grants. Please contact: NEH Overview, Room 406, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20506.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE. U.S. History, 20th-century preferred, with training and scholarship in legal history reflecting an interest in public policy. Ph.D. in hand at time of application. Assistant or associate professor starting fall 1990. Teaching responsibilities to include graduate courses in legal history and public policy, undergraduate course(s) in legal history, and the introductory survey. Deadline for applications is November 15, 1989. Please send c.v., placement dossier if available names of three references, and copies of any publications to: PROFESSOR ROBERT F. WESSER, Chair, Department of History, SUNY Albany, Albany, NY 1222. AA/EOE.

U.S. Agricultural. Assistant professor, tenure track, beginning September 1990. Ph.D. required. Ability to teach graduate and undergraduate courses in U.S. agricultural history and the U.S. history survey required. Teaching experience, publications, and training in European or Third World agriculture desired. Application deadline December 1, 1989. Send letter of application, c.v., and three letters of reference to: PAUL H. CARLSON, Chair, Search Committee, Department of History, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409. AA/EOE.

PROPOSED PUBLICATION. The American

Council of Learned Societies will be publishing a new biographical dictionary entitled American National Biography. It will contain sketches of approximately 20,000 persons in twenty volumes published by Oxford University Press. The entire sweep of American history will be covered from the first explorations to the present and include persons prominent in every field of human activity. All persons in the Dictionary of American Biography, Notable American Women, and other important collections are already under consideration for inclusion. The editors are trying to locate significant people whose careers have not been described in these references works. Readers are urged to nominate them. You may write to: JOHN A. GARRATY, General Editor, American National Biography, Center for the Social Sciences, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027.

Editors of the upcoming American National Biography are also asking for scholars who would be interested in writing biographies for the dictionary. Please write to: MARK C. CARNES, Assistant General Editor, American National Biography, Center for the Social Sciences, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027. The editors would appreciate it if you would indicate your fields of special competence.

NEW BOOKS. The Directory for Small-Scale Agriculture is published by the Cooperative State Research Service and was prepared by the Office for Small-Scale Agriculture. The author, Durwin Knutson, hopes the Directory will link the vast network of people in the Federal and State systems who focus on that segment of American agriculture identified as small-scale with those people working the small farms in America. Copies are available from: SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS, U.S. Government Printing Office, Stock No. 001-000-04539-3, Washington, DC 20402. \$5.50.

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EVENTS. Historic Fort Wayne in Fort Wayne, Indiana, hosts the 12th Annual Trappers & Traders Rendezvous, Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29. The festive and lively atmosphere of an early 19th century gathering will be recreated by costumed participants. Period foods will be available, such as hot cider and fry bread. For more information please call: (219) 424-3476.

The Landis Valley Museum of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, presents Days of the Belsnickel, November 30 - December 2. This Pennsylvania German country Christmas program includes a holiday meal and tour by reservation. The program is presented from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information and reservation, please call on weekdays: (717) 569-6195.

THE HAGLEY PROGRAM. The Hagley Museum and Library and the Department of History at the University of Delaware offer a two- and four-year course of study leading to an M.A. or Ph.D. degree for students interested in careers as college teachers or as professionals in museums and historical agencies. There are at least 12 fellows in the Hagley Program, and fellowships are awarded each year. In addition to all tuition for courses at the University of Delaware, master's candidates receive a yearly stipend of \$8,170 and doctoral candidates receive \$9,050. Fellowships may be renewed once for those seeking a terminal master's degree and three times beyond the initial year for those seeking the doctorate. Application for a Hagley-Fellowship can be made through the ASSOCIATE COORDINATOR, Hagley Program, Department of History, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716. (302) 451-8226.

The Hagley Museum also offers research fellowships in economic history and the history of science and technology for scholars working in areas which the research library specializes in. The fellowships range from short-term grants-in aid to advanced research fellowships.

For additional information, please write to: THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR; Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society; Hagley Museum and Library; P.O. Box 3630; Wilmington, DE 19807. (302) 658-2400, Ext. 244.

COURSES. The University of Delaware will hold an Environmental Institution Management Course at the Ashland Nature Center, Hockessin, Delaware on January 3 - February 2, 1990. The course covers a spectrum of responsibilities in operating an environmental facility. Cost for the course is: Delaware residents \$372, non-residents \$932. Enrollment is limited to ten students and some scholarships are available. To apply, please write to: EIM COORDINATOR, Delaware Nature Society, P.O. Box 700, Hockessin, DE 19707. (302) 239-2334.

MEETINGS. The Social Science History Association will hold its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. on November 16-19. The program includes nine sessions sponsored by the Association's Rural History Network. For information, please write to: Howard W. Allen, Executive Director, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL. 62901.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Agricultural Specialist/Interpreter: The George Ranch Headquarters, a 474-acre living historical park portraying four generations of Texas ranching and farming, seeks an individual with knowledge and experience in 19th century farming methods utilizing horse-drawn machinery and implements and a strong background in U.S. history and folklore of the 1820's-1930's. Course work in U.S. history, agriculture, or related fields helpful. Competitive salary and benefit package. Please send resume to: MARK TEXEL, George Ranch Headquarters, Route 1, Box 577, Richmond, TX 77469. (713) 545-9212.

Farm Supervisor: Person wanted to manage and perform daily operations of 1820-1850 historic farmstead including domestic activities. Competitive salary and 100 percent paid full fringe package. Please apply no later than November 1, 1989 to: OPERATIONS MANAGER, Farmers Museum, P.O. Box 800, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

PUBLICATIONS. Food History News is a quarterly publication for anyone interested in America's 300 years of foodways, especially living history sites, reenactors. Individuals subscribe at \$8.00 per year; institutions, \$10.00. Please write to: FHN, HCR 81, Box 354A, Islesboro, ME 04848.

CALL FOR PAPERS, 1990. The editors of Research in Social Policy are soliciting papers for Volumes III and IV with historical and contemporary prospective. This research annual publishes theoretically oriented and interdisciplinary papers and critiques social policies, especially related to the experiences of women, racial minorities, poor, and aged. Papers should be no longer than 40 pages in length and in Chicago style. Please submit completed papers to the address below by July 1, 1990 for series publication. Please send papers to: PROFESSOR JOHN H. STANFIELD, II, Department of Sociology, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

COLLEAGUE ASSISTANCE. Mr. Field Horne is doing research on the farm of Isaac J. Oakley of Putnam Valley, Putnam County, New York, 1862-1902, based on Oakley's diaries. Mr. Horne would be interested in hearing from anyone who has done similar studies, particularly in the northeast. Please write to: MR. FIELD HORNE, Box 215, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

STFU HISTORY. Dr. H.L. Mitchell, who co-founded the bi-racial Southern Tenant Farmers' Union in July 1934, died on August 1. Dr. Mitchell carefully saved STFU records which now form an invaluable collection at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He was the author of Mean Things Happening in This Land and Roll the Union On: A Pictorial History of the Southern Tenant Farmers'

Union. Dr. Mitchell was active almost until the end and had recently completed a documentary film on the union. He was 83.

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CALL FOR PAPERS. The Social Science History Association will hold its 15th annual conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota on November 3-6, 1990. Anyone interested in organizing a session, consisting either of papers presented or a roundtable discussion, should prepare a proposal outlining the subject of the session, briefly describing the papers (with tentative titles), and providing the names, departments, and institutional affiliations of all participants. Session organizers should include their telephone numbers as well. Proposals relating to farming or rural life should be sent to: KATHLEEN BIDDRICK, Department of History, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

LIVING HISTORICAL FARMS. The Dinsmore Homestead Foundation, Burlington, Kentucky, was established in 1986 to preserve and maintain the Dinsmore home as a house museum and a living, working farm. The homestead was purchased in 1988, together with virtually all the possessions that had ever been brought into it since its construction in 1842, its library, and microfilm copies of 90,000 pages of family documents. A Director was hired in 1988 and the house museum was opened on a one-day per week basis beginning in September of 1989. The Foundation is presently interested in hiring a person, preferably a graduate student, to carry on research in the Dinsmore documents. For further information, please write to: JOHN F. CALDWELL, P.O. Box 427, Burlington, KY 41005.

COLLEAGUE ASSISTANCE. Adele Roberts of South Wales is attempting to locate a diary, kept by a Herefordshire farmer's wife from 1782 to 1797. The diary was apparently given to an American serviceman, whose name was "Lee" and who came from Alabama, during the 1940's. The diary, which may have been given to a museum, probably consists of four thin black books bound together, with the words "Anne Hughes--Her Boke" in one book. If you know of the diary, please write to: ADELE ROBERTS, 28 Bryn Nant, Caledfryn, Caerffili, CF8 2BZ, Mid

Glammorgan, South Wales, U.K.

Tom Barrett of the American Horticultural Society, is collecting information on historical horticulture in North America. He plans to include a section on significant historical plant collections in the new edition of North American Horticulture: A Reference Guide. If you know of any other resources which could be of help to him in locating these collections, please write to: TOM BARRETT, American Horticultural Society, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308. You may call: (703) 768-5700 or (800) 777-7931.

Old USDA Yearbooks Wanted. Old Yearbooks of Agriculture are wanted for the years: 1889-1893; 1929 and 1938. Anyone who has extra copies, please write to: RUTH FINNBLADE, Surplus Distribution, National Agricultural Library, Room 002, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD 20705. (301) 344-1207.

FELLOWSHIPS. Summer research fellowships at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania/Library Company in Philadelphia are available for 1990 for postdoctoral scholars and some doctoral candidates. Research can be in any area of American history so long as it is related to the libraries' collections. The one- to two-month fellowships carry stipends of \$1,100 per month. Deadline for applications is February 1, 1990. To apply, please send a vita, the names of three references, and a description of your proposed project to: JAMES GREEN, Curator, Library Company of Philadelphia, 1314 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. (215) 546-3181.

PUBLICATIONS. The "World List of Poultry Serials," published by the National Agricultural Library in August 1989, is a bibliography of 1,641 serial titles. The list was compiled by David Goldberg and Stanislaw Kosecki of the NAL staff. It gives a brief history of poultry as domestic and farm animals and of poultry economics and journalism. An effort was made to include every

poultry serial title for which some bibliographic information was available. There are 53 countries and 30 different languages represented.

The 182-page bibliography, published in the U.S. Department of Agriculture series, Bibliographies and Literature of Agriculture, Number 76 (BLA-76), is arranged alphabetically by title, with each title assigned an entry number. The NAL collection contains nearly two-thirds of the titles listed; however, there are gaps in the holdings of some titles. Donations of materials will be greatly appreciated and can be sent to: NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY, World List of Poultry Serials, Gift and Exchange Unit, Room 002, 10201 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD 20705.

NAL would also be pleased to hear about any corrections or additions of titles to the list. Please contact DAVID GOLDBERG at the following address or call: (301) 344-3729. To obtain a copy of the "World List of Poultry Serials," please send a self-addressed label with the request to: NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY, World List of Poultry Serials, Cataloging Branch, Room 110, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD 20705.

Climate and Agriculture. The Spring 1989 issue of Agricultural History was a special symposium issue on "Climate, Agriculture, and History," edited by David C. Smith. The 19 articles making up the issue include studies on Mexico, England, and Italy as well as regions of the United States. Other essays are concerned with concepts of climate and agriculture and with bibliographical and library resources available for research. The issue is also being published as a separate book. Please write to: KATHARINE MOCHON, Agricultural History Center, University of California, Davis, CA 95616 for information.

AGRICOLA on CD-ROM. The National Agricultural Library at Beltsville, Maryland, has announced that the complete range of AGRICOLA records is now available through Silver Platter Information Services on three CD-ROM disks: 1970-78, 1979-1984, and 1984-present. Recent enhancements to the system software allow networked use of multiple CD-ROM players. Three Online Computer Library Center, Inc. (OCLC) disks also cover AGRICOLA: 1979-1982, 1983-1985, and 1986-

present. The most recent disk includes CRIS (Current Research Information System) records as well as AGRICOLA.

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AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS. Many Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums offer special Christmas programs. For information, please call the farm near you.

CALL FOR PAPERS. The University of the Pacific invites scholars, journalists, environmentalists, business and government representatives, and students, young and old, to participate in the 1990 California History Institute at the University of the Pacific, to be held April 19-22, 1990. The Institute will launch the John Muir Center for Regional Studies, and celebrate the centennial of Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks. Please send proposals for papers to: PROFESSOR R. H. LIMBAUGH, Director, John Muir Center for Regional Studies, History Department, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA 95211.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS. During the 1930's, the Soil Conservation Service and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration did mapping photography of virtually the entire United States. During World War II, the Defense Intelligence Agency photographed much of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East, while from 1940 to 1965, the Agency did extensive aerial photographing of the United States and many foreign countries. These photographic collections are now available for research use in the National Archives. For information, please write to: THE CARTOGRAPHIC AND ARCHITECTURAL BRANCH, National Archives, Washington, DC 20408.

GREEN REVOLUTION RECORDS. The papers of the Rockefeller Foundation's Mexico Field Office are now open for research. The research, first suggested by Henry A. Wallace, resulted in improved wheat and corn yields in Mexico, but had world-wide implications. The Rockefeller Archive Center, 15 Dayton Avenue, North Tarrytown, New York 10591-1598, makes small research grants to a limited number of scholars interested in using any of the records in the

Center. The Center also offers a stipend of up to \$30,000 for study and research at the Center.

FOREST HISTORY. The Forest History Group of the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations calls for presentations on Latin American forest and conservation history. For information, please contact: HAROLD K. STEEN, Forest History Society, 701 Vickers Avenue, Durham, NC 27701.

BIZARRE BEHAVIOR--RYE FUNGUS? Bizarre behavior in medieval Europe may have been caused by massive outbreaks of food poisoning from ergot, says Mary Kilbourne Matossian, a historian at the University of Maryland. Ergot, a highly toxic mold, produces a natural form of the hallucinogen LSD and, under certain climatic conditions, can infect rye. Ergot poisoning was a risk in pre-modern Europe because peasants ate as much as three pounds of rye bread each day. Matossian accounts for outbreaks of bizarre behavior by looking at local food consumption patterns and climatic conditions over the previous growing season. The theories appear in her recent book, Poisons of the Past: Molds, Epidemics, and History. For further information, please contact: MARY KILBOURNE MATOSSIAN. (301) 454-2843.

PUBLICATIONS. The Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is publishing a series of background papers on individual commodities for the 1990 Farm Bill. So far, the following have appeared: CORN (AGES 89-47, \$8); COTTON (AGES 89-42, \$8); HONEY (AGES 89-43, \$5.50); OATS (AGES 89-46, \$8); SOYBEANS (AGES 89-41, \$8); PEANUTS (AGES 89-61, \$5.50); SOYBEAN (AGES 89-41, \$8); TOBACCO (AGES 89-48, \$8); and WHEAT (AGES 89-56, \$8). You may purchase these reports by calling: TOLL FREE, 1-800-999-6779; or please send check or money order to: ERS-NASS, P.O. Box 1608, Rockville, MD 20849-1608.

A new edition of the Historical Atlas of Kansas

(192 pages, 89 maps, 1988) by Homer E. Socolofsky and Huber Self includes maps showing changes in irrigation and ground water and in agriculture, as well as in population, cities, and other matters. It is available from the University of Oklahoma Press, 1005 Asp Avenue, Norman, OK 73019-0445 for \$26.45.

The Autumn 1989 issue of Kansas History is devoted to agricultural settlements on the prairies. The issue includes articles on the promotion of German immigration to Kansas in the 19th century; English settlement in Sheridan County, Kansas; the Fairmont Colony in Minnesota; and the English Colony at Victoria, Kansas. Copies of the journal are available for \$4 each from: THE KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 120 W. 10th St., Topeka, KS 6612-1291.

The American Botanist announces the publication of Fearing Burr's Field & Garden Vegetables of America, 1865. The 667 pages of this landmark work list 1,100 American vegetables with varietal descriptions. The book has been awarded a Quill and Trowel Award from the Garden Writers Association of America. To order, please write: THE AMERICAN BOTANIST, Booksellers, 1103 W. Truitt Ave., Chillicothe, IL 61523. The cost is \$30, plus \$2 for postage.

Marc Bloc, who died a heroic death as a French resistance fighter in World War II, did much to define rural history as a field of research. A biography by Carole Fink; Marc Bloc: A Life in History (480 pp., 1989, \$29.95) has been published by Cambridge University Press, 40 West 20th St., New York, NY 1001.

The National Agricultural Library (NAL) has just published a major research tool for the use of Chinese materials in the NAL collections, and also for identifying Chinese materials on agricultural and related subjects in other collections and libraries outside of China. The two-volume set, entitled "Chinese Publications in the Collections of the National Agricultural Library," is Number 80 in the U.S. Department of Agriculture series, Bibliographies and Literature of Agriculture (BLA), and is dated August 1989.

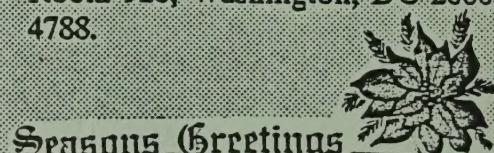
The bibliography, together with NAL's printed Dictionary Catalog, provides comprehensive access to Chinese publications in the NAL collections, particularly those published in Chinese or about China from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of China, Hong Kong, or Macao. The 339-page Volume I includes 3,007 citations to

monographic and serial titles in NAL's AGRICOLA database. AGRICOLA currently contains over 2.6 million citations to the literature of agriculture and related subjects added to the collections since the early 1970's. The bibliography is arranged in approximately 170 subject categories, with transliterated Chinese titles and English titles interfiled. There is an author index and a corporate author index, which includes both transliterated Chinese and English names. The brief introduction gives an overview of the history of Chinese printing, agriculture, and agricultural libraries and information service. The 75-page Volume II includes 1,228 additional citations to older monographic titles not previously listed in AGRICOLA, but which have been added to the database through retrospective conversion of catalog records to machine readable form.

A limited number of copies of the set are available from NAL, one set per request. Please send a self-addressed label with the request to: NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY, Special Services Branch, 14th Floor, 10301 Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville, MD 20705.

Additional copies may be ordered through (NTIS), PB90-106543/AS, \$45 paper, \$15 microfiche, plus \$3 handling charge for each order: NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE, U.S. Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

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